

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Date: October 8, 2019 Time: 6:30 PM Location: School Committee Conference Room
77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Hurton

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Napierata
- Member Seddiki
- Member Blythe
- Member Makara

The following Committee Members were absent:

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hurton announced that this meeting is recorded both video and audio.

II. Approval of September 24, 2019 Minutes

Motion: Approve September 24, 2019 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Approval but not release of July 16, 2019 Minutes

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL A LATER MEETING

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Personnel Update

Resignations – James Rekowski – PAE custodian

New Hires – Melissa Coffey – Grade 4 LTS

- Kerri Lavelle – Paraprofessional at PAE

Transfers – Debora Zablocki – effective Wednesday, October 2nd as the Interim Dean of Students

2. Immokalee Update

Superintendent Goguen traveled to Florida to learn more about how the Immokalee Foundation has created an early college and career awareness program with the Collier County Public Schools, Immokalee Technical College, Florida Gulf Coast University, Lipman Family Farms, and the Collier County Board of County Commissioners was very successful. I was joined by Rep Joseph McKenna, Bill Federick from Senator Joseph and Chris Robert. This model has “academies” within the school. This gave us ideas that may be beneficial with the planning of the BHS renovation. They have seen an increase in their graduation rate from 72% to 92%. There are many opportunities for students to have outside job internships.

3. Superintendents Educators Council

In an effort to keep two way communication flowing, the Superintendent’s Educator’s Council will begin meeting again this year – October 17th.

4. Professional Development update

The October 2nd ½ day was successful the agendas are attached for your review. Highlights of the building based PD was given.

Yesterday Looney Consultants came for training with the administrators

5. Other Updates

- District leadership Team met to analyze MCAS data
- Turned in the Bartlett High School Education Plan into the MSBA. Teachers were active in creating this document.
- Lockdown drills were done on 10-4-2019 – Shout out to Webster Police, EMT’s and Fire Dept.
- Community Partnerships – MAPFRE – Real Madrid – looking to start this in the spring with basketball
 - Best buddies Bike Ride / Mentoring Program
 - Boston Children’s Hospital is coming back to WMS and PAE for safety lessons
 - Local business owner, Jill St. Cyr is organizing a Christmas giving program helping students in need
 - Memorandum of Understanding with YOU, Inc. provides counselors at each school
 - Ribbon cutting tomorrow for the You, Inc. Career Pathway Center in Webster
 - DESAC (SOSS Team) from DESE have provided us with additional funds to support Looney Math. Just notified that they increased their original funding for a new total of \$19,400. This will allow Looney Math consultants more time in the classrooms
 - Kathy Baris and Superintendent Goguen met with Margarita Nieves our School / Community Liaison. Have scheduled 4 ELL parent advisory meetings to have the two way communication with our ELL families.

Chairman Hurton thanked Superintendent Goguen for her efforts in the Immokalee and thank Rep McKenna and Senator Fattman’s representative from taking time away from their schedule for this.

B. Business Manager Report

1. FY20 Budget Quarter 1 Update

Mrs. Pierangeli presented an updated year to date budget (included in packet). She stated that it is early in the budget process. She is monitoring the special education out of district tuition closely. The next update will reflect transfers now that we have shifted staff, we currently have a \$50,000 in salary savings

Town Meeting is Monday. The Town will be increasing the budget using Governor's Budget, as agreed the school would get the first \$40,000 in increased funds and then split 70/30 with the Town. We had additional revenues in the amount of 365,743, we had an increase in tuitions of \$117,536 – net revenue \$248,207 – we get the first \$40,000 with remainder split 70/30.

2. Boiler Project Update

Mrs. Pierangeli participated in a conference call with Guardian / Green Communities; the boiler will not be fixed for this year's heating season. They are recommending that we plan to replace the remaining oilers in phases. There is an additional \$53,000 cost above what is the Town Meeting Article is for. Town Manager Doug Willardson said that there is a surplus from the PAE Building project that can be used for this. Additionally we are responsible for the removal of the old boiler (\$10-\$15,000). It will require an asbestos test, if positive there will be additional costs. If that's the case the town will amend the warrant to include that cost.

3. Special Education Transportation update

Mrs. Pierangeli said an additional bus has been added for the PAE route. There were 33 students on one special education bus, the ride was over one hour – exceeds state regulations. The cost was an additional \$50,000

C. Principal Report – Robin Parmley, Webster Middle School

1. Open House Update

Mrs. Parmley said this was a huge success. Our Polar Bear and Jiji mascots were present. It was a very positive evening

2. iReady (Math/ELA) and DIBELS Benchmarks and Action Plans

The above assessments were just completed. Looking at the data results and will figure out strategic steps to meet the gaps.

3. Launch of Safe and Supportive Measure C.O.M.P.A.S.S.

New Program – C.O.M.P.A.S.S. (Celebrating Our Mighty Park Avenue students – Safe & Supported) that identifies students that require additional support / breaks during the day. The goal is to have the student reset in a timely manner and return to class. (brochure attached)

4. Responsive Classroom Overview: Morning Meeting

Building community in the classrooms this year. One of the ways we are doing that is having morning meetings every day – giving students a start to their day, have eye to eye contact with their teacher and having time for students to share, it takes about 20-25 minutes school wide. Having a voluntary 8 week book study with staff– it will provide additional training

Member Napierata stated that she is happy to hear of the positive safe and supportive classrooms across the entire school. Member Seddiki said teaching kids self-care is setting them up for success in their lives.

III. Student Update: Logan Paranto

- YUniversity , an after school program that is a great way to get caught up on missing work, study for tests, stay ahead on assignments and get tutoring. It is held every Monday and Thursday
- SAT's took place on Saturday, October 5th

- Update on school clubs was given
- Update on athletics was given
- National Honor Society is having a chocolate bar fundraiser

IV. Old Business

A. Monthly Report on Fundraising Applications

Chairman Hurton explained the School Committee does not approve Fundraisers only review.

- Bartlett Student Council – Krispy Kreme donut sale
- Bartlett Student Council – Teacher Turkey
- Bartlett DECA – sale of clothing
- Bartlett Cheer – long & short sleeve t-shirts
- Class of 2022 – pie sale
- Music Booster – Cornhole Tournament
- Music Booster – Psychic medium event
- Music Booster – Apparel sales
- Music Booster – Puravida bracelets
- Music Booster – 5 below
- Music Booster – Barnes & Noble – student perform
- Music Booster – Scarecrow at Bemis Farm
- Music Booster – Butter Braid
- Bartlett National Honor Society – candy bars

V. New Business

A. Approval of overnight field trip – Bartlett Show Choir

Peter Carney was present to request approval of an overnight field trip for the Show Choir. The students will participate in the annual Baystate Show Choir Festival in Easton. The schedule of events goes late into Friday night and starts early on Saturday. Will be staying in a hotel close to the events (Foxboro). This is held November 10 -11, 2019. It is an amazing event.

Motion: To approve overnight field trip – Bartlett Show Choir

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

The following roll call vote was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained (member Hurton)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

B. Approval of Job Description – Academic Intervention Specialist

Dr. Goguen said we are looking to fill a vacancy and wanted to present an updated job description. The position was geared to reading but now focus on mathematics. This is a Title 1 funded position.

Motion: To approve Job Description – Academic Intervention Specialist as presented

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

The following roll call vote was taken:

- 5 members having voted in the affirmative
- members having voted in the negative
- members having abstained (member Hurton)

The motion: X passed
 Failed

C. Wellness Policy ADF – First Reading

This is tabled to a future meeting

D. Concerned parent regarding Preschool Transportation

Margaret Cyr was present to bring two objectives to the Committee for their consideration:

1. Appealing to the School Committee to amend the transportation policy to allow preschool students to ride the school bus with an older sibling if the parents have an extenuating circumstance and cannot transport their children
2. Introduce conversation to update / revise current transportation policy.

Mrs. Cyr has three children that attend St. Joseph School in Webster, the older rides the bus (stop at our driveway) the two younger were not allowed to ride the bus. She was unaware of this policy as other parents said they always put their preschool children on the bus. There is a hardship in their home with a very sick one year old.

Having spoken with AA Transportation, Business Manager and Superintendent and reviewing the WPS Transportation Policy she shared her thoughts on the policy / posting of policy and not considering this request based on past practice.

Chairman Hurton expressed his understanding for her struggles as a parent. Superintendent Goguen responded to Mrs. Cyr's bussing request. We follow the National Transportation guidelines and must consider the financial impact of bussing preschool students. Mrs. Pierangeli expanded on giving explanation of the guidelines that the district follows. Other members of School Committee expressed their compassion of the situation she has with an ill child but communicated that safety of students is their primary goal.

VI. Review / Transfer / Signing of Bills, Payrolls and Vouchers: Committee reviewed and signed bills and vouchers.

A. Approve transfer from Bartlett High School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

Motion: To approve \$17,180.88 transfer from Bartlett High School Student Activity Savings to Checking account.

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

The following roll call vote was taken:

- 4 members having voted in the affirmative
- members having voted in the negative
- 1 members having abstained (Chairman Hurton)

The motion: X passed
 Failed

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

The following roll call vote was taken:
 5 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 Failed

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Documents included in the packet:

- September 24, 2019 Minutes
- October 2, 2019 Professional Development Schedules
- Policy EEAA – Walker and Riders
- PAE COMPASS initiative
- Monthly Fundraisers Applications
- Academic Intervention Specialist – Mathematics Job Description
- Bartlett High School Show Choir Over Night Field Trip Request
- Bartlett High School Transfer Request